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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



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DEAR PARENTS

I am writing this article just after the summer tournament week and have been reflecting on the stunning array of opportunities that are now available to our boys. Amongst other activities we had the 1st XI cricket team competing in the Gillette cup, 20 plus boys rowing at Maadi Cup, boys competing in motor cross and ultimate Frisbee, three-on-three Basketball, boys competing in the zones and Waikato athletics competition and a Whanau class Wānanga. At the same time we also have boys rehearsing for the inter-school production of 'Big Fish' and we have twenty plus boys enrolled in our preparation for baptism and confirmation into the Catholic Church.

While it is difficult to focus on just one sporting highlight, the Maadi Gold Medal for our U15 double of Joel Birdling and Charlie Squire was outstanding. Much of the school were watching the race live streamed and the boys took out the race by more than a length. I also want to mention the Big Fish production with Sacred Heart. The performing arts often struggle in schools and probably more so in boy's schools. It has been some years since our last production and I am thankful that our young and talented actors and musicians are being given this opportunity (thank you to our Drama teacher Mandy Hale). In boy's schools sport dominates the interest and participation of many of our young men, however that must not be at the expense of opportunities for our boys whose passion is for the arts. Having the confidence and ability to act and sing in front of one's community takes tremendous courage and in taking part in a musical production and performing on stage, students develop tremendous talents that are invaluable later in life. One of our leads, Daniel Cruickshank, sang a song from the show in front of a whole school assembly (and did a great job) - that takes courage.

We all know about the mental health crises facing the youth of New Zealand - worrying thoughts, depression and anxiety breed in times of inactivity where the mind ruminates and self-worth and confidence are eroded. Life is a gift which is best lived in the moment. Christ tells us in Matthew 6:34, "Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself". It is important for our boys that they participate and are not just spectators, an active life at this age forms lifelong habits.

Recently more than half of our staff took part in the 'Relay for Life' at Claudelands raising over five thousand dollars for the Cancer Foundation. Thanks to Paul Arden for organising this. Such large numbers taking part in a wide variety of activities at Saint John's speaks of a healthy and resilient culture, a place where students and staff are prepared to give things a go without fear of being unsupported or mocked. A place where we are prepared to push ourselves and work as a team for the greater good of our college. A special thank you to you, our community, who support us so well. Our participation in all of these events would not be possible without countless volunteer hours by staff, students (both past and present) and you our families.

Recently the annual 'Blue and Gold' St John's Foundation Trust lunch was held and it was fantastic to see so many old boys present from every decade St John's has existed. Mates made at St John's remain mates for life and that was evident on the day. I encourage our old boys to stay in touch and they are always welcome to visit us up on the hill any time.

God Bless you and your family

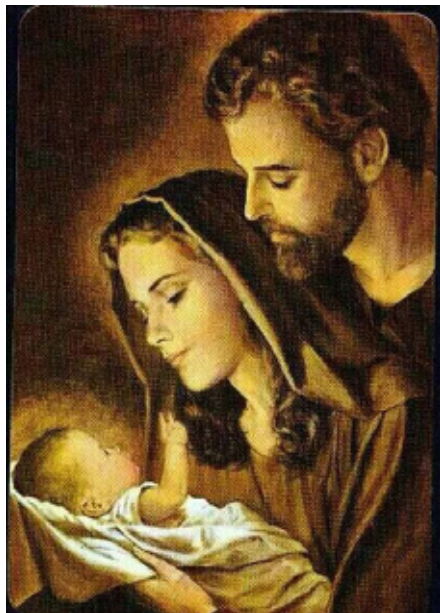
- Mr Shane Tong, Principal



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC CHARACTER

Welcome, Everyone, to 2021. It has been a lovely start to the year. Why? Because it has been a normal start with no Covid interruptions. How wonderful simplicity is in our lives.

As we celebrate 150 years since St Joseph was declared Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis has dedicated 2021 to St Joseph. While we know relatively little about St Joseph, that does not lessen his importance in our faith. From amongst all men alive at the time it was he that God chose to be the foster father of His son. It was Joseph, from all available men at the time, that was chosen by God to be the faithful and celibate husband of Mary. It was Joseph, a man who worked with his hands, that was chosen so that Jesus, the Messiah and the Christ, would learn to be a man used to hard work, who would understand how to earn a day's wage by the sweat of his brow (and through this sanctify all labour), and have first hand experience of the difficulties that the ordinary people lived day in and day out. It was Joseph who taught Jesus how to respect women and all people, to do his chores, to be just, to be persevering, to be faithful to his religion and to love the simple aspects of life.



This simplicity of Joseph is shown so well when we consider the three occasions on which an angel directed him in what he should do: "marry Mary, it's all good"; "take the child and his mother and go to Egypt until I call you back"; "go back to Nazareth and raise my son". Each time, Joseph's response was immediate and unwavering. He lived faith.

These qualities of Joseph are very much the qualities that we would like our students to pursue. Joseph may have lived 2000 years ago but, as the Church showed us in 1871 through raising him to the role of Patron of the Universal Church, his virtues and qualities are very much needed in these modern times and ought to be imitated. For a Johnnies boy, the qualities of faith, faithfulness, working hard, perseverance, being just, respecting women and all people and having empathy towards others will help your son to be a true Marist man.

And this brings us to the importance of Dad's and other male caregivers in the lives of our young men. I encourage all our dads and grandfathers, uncles and male caregivers to step up and, like Joseph did with Jesus, involve yourselves in the lives of your boys. Like Joseph, model who you want your son to be, exemplifying the virtues and qualities that you want to see your sons imitate.

I wish everyone a wonderful year ahead and I encourage you to live faith as Joseph did. As we celebrate Easter let us take courage and have hope in the mercy and love that God has for each one of us and let us ask God, through His Son Jesus, to strengthen us in our efforts to be the men and women of virtue that Joseph modelled to us and that our Christian vocation calls us to.

God bless,

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



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LOVE OF WORK - 2021 PILLAR FOCUS

- We set standards of excellence for ourselves in our schoolwork, our personal conduct and our religious practice, and we work hard to achieve these standards.
- We never prevent another person, whether teacher or pupil, from working to the best of their ability, or from giving or receiving the education which is their right.
- We realise that there can be no Easter without Calvary, so we put our very best efforts into our school work and homework.
- We are generous with our time and talents in helping cheerfully any class mate who is struggling with school work.
- We take advantage of every opportunity that the college offers us to help us learn our work, organise our study times, and learn effective study techniques.
- We come to realise that sustained, organised and enthusiastic hard work brings us much personal satisfaction and lays strong foundations for our future success and happiness.



KEY DATES 2021

TERM 2

3 May	Teacher Only Day
4 May	Start of Term 2
19 May	Teacher Only Day*
20 May	Year 8 Information Evening
7 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
9 June	Marcellin Champagnat Day & Mass
9 July	End of Term 2

TERM 3

26 July	Start of Term 3
27 July	Junior Report Evening
11 August	Options Evening
12 August	Teacher Only Day*
23 - 27 August	Senior Assessment Week
28 August	Senior Ball
1 October	End of Term 3

TERM 4

18 October	Start of Term 4
25 October	Holiday (Labour Day)
26 October	Closing Mass & Senior Prizegiving
27 October	Y13 Leavers Dinner
1 - 5 November	Junior Exams
8 November	NCEA Exams begin
23 November	Teacher Only Day*
7 - 10 December	Y9 Activities & Y10 Camps
14 December	Junior Prizegiving & End of School Year

**There are 3 additional Teacher Only Days this year, as dictated by the Ministry of Education. These will support the implementation of changes to NCEA and strengthening of curriculum, progress and achievement practices.*



NAU MAI, HAERE MAI

A beautiful karanga sounded through the College on 3 Feb to welcome new students, teachers and their whānau to our St John's community. We are grateful to our kuia, Mrs Susanne Simmons-Kopa, for making this first day so memorable. Te Haurua Tawhara spoke for the College - we're privileged to have rangitahi who can korero on the paepae with such confidence and presence. Kia ora Te Haurua for leading our pōwhiri!

Boys were then led through a 2 day programme which allowed them to learn about our St John's culture, meet new friends within their year group, and reduce their new-school stress with key information to make the transition to high school as smooth as possible. Best of all, they had the school largely to themselves for those first days, with the full school not returning until Friday 5th. They got to know Year 12 Tuakana (older brothers), form teachers, their Dean and other key staff as in that time, as well as enjoy PE games, swimming and a photo challenge.

- Mrs Carolyn Morris, Head Guidance Counsellor



New students hongi with staff and student leaders



Our friendly Yr12 Tuakana make students feel at ease



A haka is performed while manuhiri enter the College





GOLD AT MAADI CUP

We had the race live streaming into Form Classes on March 25 so we could all watch Charlie Squire and Joel Birdling take on the very best U15 rowing pairs in the country. Bruce was tipping them as a very strong chance, and these two young men led from the start and weren't letting any other team steal their thunder. A Maadi Cup gold medal is a very precious win - only the third ever Maadi gold for a St John's College crew.

No sport demands more time and commitment than rowing - from parents and coaches as well as students. That gold medal win for Birdling and Squire is the result of many hours of training on and off the water, early morning starts, constant eating, listening to coaches and building a determination and confidence to be the best. Well done boys and coaches, we are all very proud of you!

Another notable success was our U15 quad who placed 5th in an A final - also marking them as a crew with considerable strength and talent. All rowers should be proud of their efforts, with 3 B finals and 4 C finals also achieved.

Our hardworking rowing committee also purchased a new high spec eight boat this season. At 19m long and weighing in at 100kg, the squad is excited about racing in this next season.

Special thanks go to our sponsors, without whom we would not have been able to maintain our equipment and race at such a competitive level.



Boys U15 Pair Gold - Joel Birdling, Charlie Squire



Boys U15 Quad - Charlie Squire, Joel Birdling, Lache Matafeo, Mason Smith



WELCOME NEW STAFF

A warm welcome to new staff joining us this year.

Mrs Bareera Ahmed	<i>Learning Assistant</i>
Mr Matt Grevatt	<i>RE Teacher</i>
Mr Rob MacDonald	<i>Guidance Counsellor</i>
Mr Johnathan Malo	<i>Learning Assistant</i>
Mr Martyn O'Leary	<i>Science Teacher</i>
Mr Jackie Shi	<i>Maths Teacher</i>
Miss Jackie Smith	<i>Deputy Principal</i>
Mr Tony Su'a	<i>PE Teacher</i>
Mr Ub van Jaarsveld	<i>RE/PE Teacher</i>
Mrs Kim Vernon	<i>Accounts Assistant</i>
Mr Patrick Woodlock	<i>Social Science Teacher</i>

TSUNAMI WARNING WASHOUT

Year 11 Geography were all prepared to have a lovely day at Mt Maunganui looking at how plastic in the oceans affects our coastlines and the potential impacts of if a Tsunami hit the Mt Maunganui region and where people would have to evacuate to. Unfortunately, Geography became a bit too real and we had to turn around as a result of the tsunami evacuation orders from civil defence. As much as we love going in the field and experiencing geography as it happens, we didn't particularly want to experience a tsunami! We rescheduled to the following week, having a lovely day at the beach collecting our data for our research and ArcGIS assessment.

- Mrs Andrea Bossenger, TIC Geography





GUIDANCE ON OFFER

To assist in the pastoral care of our newest students, the Guidance Counsellors, Ms. Carolyn Morris and Mr. Rob Macdonald, have this term been into every Year 9 core class. The boys have had introductions to each of these staff members, and have heard that our counsellors are here for them to listen and talk to about any number of issues which might arise for them. Confidentiality was explained, and also that the goal of any counselling session is to help a young person to problem solve a situation, to make a situation better, or to make more positive choices in an emotionally safe place.

Ms. Morris is here every day, while Mr. Macdonald works Wednesday-Friday each week. Parents are encouraged to ring or email either counsellor if they have any social/emotional concerns regarding their son. Contact details are on our website.

WILL BENEFIELD - ROTARY NATIONAL SCIENCE FORUM

Head of Science, Mr Steve Wood, is a firm believer in encouraging students to apply for opportunities beyond school, and Will Benefield responded to that challenge over the summer through attendance at a National Science Forum for Yr 12 students.

Held at Auckland University over 10 days in January, Will describes the experience as "the best two weeks of my life to date". While he loved the science and technology learning that happened, he also valued the experience of life on a University campus and the general chat, camaraderie and friendships that developed with other like minded students and advisors.

Awesome work, Will, for representing St John's so well and putting yourself outside the comfort zone of school. You have learnt what takes many of us a lifetime - to have a go, to trust in yourself, and to open your mind to new experiences and people.

STUDENT LEADERS 2021

Congratulations to the men who have been selected as leaders for 2021.

Head Student	Tiernan Sanders
Deputy Head Student	Aiden Payne-Isaacs and Charlie Raj
Academic Leader	Kent Willcock and Will Benefield
Special Character	Daniel Cruickshank and Daniel Nobilo
Arts	Gyan Lumo and Josh Leggett
Sports	Edward Prestidge-King and Jake Clare
Māori	Paneere Waitai and Tawera Marsh
Pacifica	Salesi Salesi and Takilesi Maka
Chanel House	Jonnee Harris and Jake Kane
Pompallier House	Phoenix Flack and Ethan Price
Marcellin House	Lachie Virtue and Daniel Miller
Roncalli House	Thomas Roach and Hayden Neale



A TASTE OF ENGINEERING

Fifteen students attended a Wintec STAR Engineering Taster Day, offering a first hand glimpse of the range of careers and exciting work that engineering training can lead to. Here's what Josh Lockhart had to say..

So we first got started with the design and research of our rover. We had a group of 5 people and we split the group up into two categories, Civil and Mechanical Engineers. The civil engineer's job was to design and build a bridge that could withstand the weight of the rover across a one meter gap plus the initial gravity of the moon. The mechanical engineers job was to build a small moon rover. We were all given the same design and the same parts to build the rover and we were given a time limit of 90 minutes to do so.

I was put in the mechanical engineers team and the overall build of the moon rover was pretty easy and simple. We had to do some quick wiring for the motors of the rover which took up most of the building time. The other half of the build was on the overall structure of it, making it sturdy while keeping it easy to access should something go wrong and of course it did, we ran some tests and found out it wasn't moving straight. To fix this we swapped the back left and front right motors/tyres around and taped the motors to the base to keep them fixed straight. That was an easy fix up and took no time at all. When we finished it completely, we helped the civil engineer group finish their bridge. They barely needed our help so our group was the first to finish.

When it got to the judging period, our team went first. Our rover showed great stability and got over the gap with ease. The other groups had pretty good builds too. Overall we took the number one spot because we showed the physics of our model/s. We just had to show how our rover would withstand moon gravity against obstacles like craters etc.

This was a very fun project and I'll definitely be studying engineering in years to come.



NCEA REPORT CARD 2020

Once again our young men can be proud of their NCEA Achievements this year! 2020 was a challenging year for our students - lockdown, lots of sport/event cancellations and disappointment felt by many of our students, but this hasn't appeared to hinder their academic performance.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who gained the highest pass rate that the College has seen since 2016 - 95.6%, putting us 18.2% above the national results. Strong endorsement rates (34% Merit/14% Excellence) will have set many students up for an excellent start to their studies in 2021.

Our Level 2 results continue to remain consistently strong at 92%, 9.1% above national results with our Level 3 pass rate at 79.8%, 5% above national results. Our Merit endorsements took a little dip (-1.7%) from 2019 at 19.5% but our rates of Excellence endorsement (12.8%) are some of the best that the College has seen in recent years, and we look forward to students repeating these results with their Level 3 qualification in 2021.

NCEA Level 3 pass rates are the highest they have been since 2017 at 79.8% with 14% of students gaining a Merit endorsement, but only 7.2% gaining an Excellence endorsement which is down on previous years.

Pass rates for our Māori and Pasifika students are also well above national results:

Māori: Level 1 - 100%, Level 2 - 92.6%, Level 3 - 68.85%

Pasifika: Level 1 - 90.1%, Level 2 - 66.7%, Level 3 - 91.7%

Our pass rates are significantly higher than both national and decile 7 boys' schools results. They are indicative of not only the hard work put in by the students during a difficult year but also by our staff who went above and beyond to ensure that the impact of COVID-19 on student academic performance was minimised.

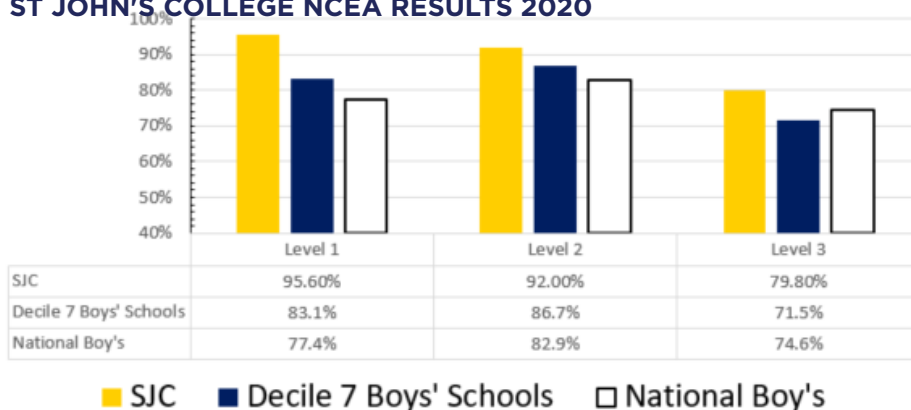
Our fine young men need to understand the importance of ensuring that every standard worked towards is their best effort, getting things right first time and not being reliant on re-submissions to improve their grades - particularly as the rules around resubmissions have changed this year.

Nationally, 50% of students gain either a Merit or Excellence endorsement. In what is becoming a more competitive job environment, young men need to make the right choices so they can follow their chosen pathway beyond school.

This year all of our students in Years 11-3 have had personalised NCEA targets set for all of their subjects. Parents can view these by logging onto the Kamar (web) portal and clicking on the current year results, selecting the year level. Thank you to all those students and parents who took the opportunity of working with us to set these targets. It is important that students not only know their target but track their own performance against it during the year. The key to success is hard work, effort, perseverance and consistency.

- Mr Dominic Tester, Deputy Principal

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE NCEA RESULTS 2020



EXCELLENCE ALL THE WAY

The following Year 13 students from 2020 are to be congratulated, they strived for Excellence during their time at St John's and gained an Excellence endorsement at NCEA Level 1, 2 and 3:

Andre Bouma
Brendan Boyd
Guantian Chen
Dyrel Lumiwes
Max McNamara
Torin O'Sullivan

COMPETITION = MOTIVATION

Education Perfect is a fantastic online program, that supplements our teaching of Spanish, Māori, English and Maths. Every year, across several countries concurrently, EP run a Languages Championship, whereby participants answer as many questions as they can in as many foreign languages as they can.

Two students of Spanish totally smashed our previous St John's College records. Elexis Mapu (Y12) won the first Emerald Award with over 5000 points. Samuel de Leeuw (Year 9), soared ahead of that, earning a whopping 10,000 points and an Elite Award, the highest award possible. Well done boys! Their efforts helped St John's College become the 17th highest school in the championships and earned the boys a pizza!

- Mrs Su Priestley, Spanish Teacher



Elexis Mapu and Samuel de Leeuw



ATHLETICS DAY

Parents were bemused (and a little sceptical?) to find their son's home early on our first attempt at Athletics Day. Blame a broken water pipe at Porritt Stadium. Thankfully the Council allowed us to reschedule the event for Friday 26th, cancelling planned maintenance of the facility so our event could go ahead.

Dubbed Athletics Take 2, Friday was a success in every way. Participation levels were high both in competitive and non-competitive events. As always the boys looked great in a wide range of outfits designed to support their respective Houses.

The highlights of the event included four broken records. Kaea Cribb broke two records, the Junior Triple Jump in a distance of 11.55m and the 200m, narrowly beating Mathew Blackie's record set in 2009 of 25.1 with a time of 25.00s. Amilame Finau, who already holds three school Athletics records added another, this time the 200m for Senior Boys-twice, once in the heats and again in the finals with a time of 22.63s. The previous 200m record was 23.00s held jointly by B. Parker and M. Faria set in 1975 and 2005 respectively.

- Mr Jason Robinson, HoF Physical Education

ZONE ATHLETICS RESULTS

St John's College was well represented at the annual Central Zones Athletics Meeting on 10 March at Porritt Stadium in Hamilton. A cool, overcast day made for some spectacular performances from athletes all over the Waikato. The highlight of the day was definitely the last item on the program, the senior boys 4 x 100m sprints. Team manager, Mr Joe Smal described it as a "goosebumps performance" with the St John's team runaway victors in just over 44seconds.

A special word of thanks must go out to the St John's College PE staff that had to organise this meeting at very short notice.



ZONE ATHLETICS RESULTS

JUNIOR

Kaea Cribb	1st Long Jump; 1st Triple Jump; 2nd 100m; 2nd 200m
Andrew Fairweather	1st 400m Para; 3rd 100m Para
Noah Gibson	1st 800m
Byron Casson	2nd High Jump; 3rd Triple jump

INTERMEDIATE

Reilly Benefield	1st Triple Jump
Kyan Rangitutia	2nd Triple Jump
Keoni Albert	2nd Long Jump
Matrua Holmes	2nd Shot Put
Tisharn Field-Bluegum	3rd Shot Put

SENIOR

Amilamae Finau	1st 110m Hurdles; 1st 300m Hurdles; 2nd 100m; 2nd 200m
Regan Peters	1st Long Jump
A Finau, C Salesi, R Maniapoto-King, C McKnight	1st 4x100m Relay
C McKnight	3rd 100m; 2nd Javelin

BASKETBALL ALREADY FIRING

We had a huge turnout of boys trialling for our three Senior Premier teams and three Junior Premier teams. Coaches had some hard decisions on team selections over the 2 weeks with such a high calibre of players to choose from. Congratulations to all the boys that made the premier teams, we are excited to watch you all play and develop over this season.

St John's College Basketball is extremely lucky to have 3 highly qualified and loyal coaches again this year. Head Coach Puke Lenden has been with the school for many years now and has achieved some outstanding results with our teams. Puks resume is impressive - former MVP NBL player, Waikato Representative and Waikato coach across many age groups. Brandyn Were is an old boy of the school who played for St John's College, and is currently coaching the Waikato U13 and the Waikato U17 boys teams. Jaxson Fisher is also an old boy, player for St John's College, a qualified referee and has been coaching for the school for 3 years.

We have a young Eagles squad this year and it will be an exciting year to see how the team develops. Our first tournament for 2021 was the 3x3 Basketball, taking 3 senior and 3 junior teams. The Eagles were 2nd placed in the Senior Elite grade.

- T Hamlin and N Lenden, Basketball Committee

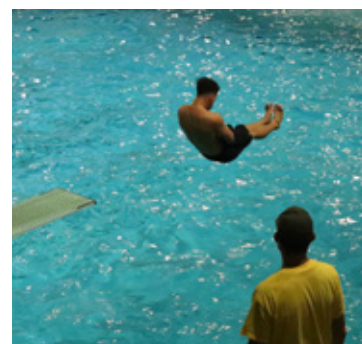


SWIMMING SPORTS

It was great to host a full school swimming sports event at Waterworld this year. Competitive racers at one end of the pool, social swimmers enjoying themselves and earning House points at the other seemed to work well. We introduced a 'Race Your Nation' relay to add a bit of drama, and the manu sessions remained a highlight!

Records broken on the day were:

JUNIOR	
Kemp Williams	100 Medley; 100 Freestyle; 50 Freestyle
Zion Heke	50 Backstroke
INTERMEDIATE	
Taniko Shane	100 Medley; 50 Backstroke; 50 Freestyle
Ryan Roche	100 Butterfly; 50 Butterfly
RACE YOUR NATION	
NZ Juniors	
4x25 RELAYS	
Junior	Marcellin
Intermediate	Roncarli
Senior	Chanel



GOLD IN JUJITSU

Caleb Bromley (Year 9) won Gold at the Auckland Jujitsu Summer Slam held in February. This was a national tournament with competitors from across New Zealand attending. Caleb won his final by submitting his opponent with a 'Rear Naked Choke'. Awesome work Caleb.



Gold Medal for Caleb Bromley



GILLETTE CUP CRICKET

The St John's 1st XI played in the Gillette Cup ND Tournament from 22 - 25 March in Hamilton. This tournament is the culmination of a vigorous qualification process and consists of the best senior secondary teams in the Northern Districts.

Unfortunately the team started off the tournament with a loss against St Paul's College in round 1 and a tough loss in the last over of the game against Tauranga Boys in round 2. The team came good in the next two games with big wins against Aquinas College by 162 runs and another big win against Mt Maunganui by 152 runs. St John's finished the tournament in a very respectable 5th place.

There were some standout performances by our boys. Liam Walton was the 2nd best fielder with 5 catches. Jack Kane was the leading bowler with 9 wickets. Jake Clare was the 7th best batsmen with a highest score of 152 not out. Ethan Price was the 2nd best batsmen with half centuries in every game and in the process passing the 1000 runs scored in a season for St John's. Ethan Price was also the Most Valuable Player of the tournament.

Great performances by our cricket lads.

- Mr Joe Smal, Director of Cricket



MARCH FOR LIFE

On Sunday 14 March some of our St John's College students accompanied Mr Bormans and approximately 500 other people in the March for Life promoted by the Diocese. The purpose of the March is to confirm the value of all life from conception to its natural death. Participants walked with signs and plenty of joy from Memorial Park across Claudelands Bridge to end at the Victoria on The River plaza. In the photo you will see Jacob Grylls, one of our Y13 students and member of the Special Character Team, sitting at Victoria on the River listening to one of the speakers. Bishop Steve was very pleased to see our students, dressed smartly in their Number One's, supporting our Catholic faith.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



RELAY FOR LIFE - SMASHING THE TARGET

On March 28th a team of 30 staff members participated in the Waikato Relay for Life. This event is to raise funds for the Cancer Society and has teams running or walking around a 400 metre track for 12 hours. The St John's College Staff team was created to support two staff members who have recently fought against cancer. The team set an ambitious target of \$2000 but were amazed at the generosity of the community and raised over \$5000 - this included the \$1600 raised at Mufti Day.

The event itself was an enjoyable and fun filled day. Highlights and notable mentions are - Mr Ardern's 101 laps and Mr Maxwell's 65 laps of the course. It was also great to see a lot of family and students turn out to support the staff. In total, the staff and supporters walked and ran over 330 kilometres on the day. Mrs Daysh and Mrs Petrin must also be commended for their 3rd place and the Recyclable Fashion Show. Mr Bruce Brown was the perfect model for the outfit.

The event was such an amazing atmosphere to be a part of and be involved in, plans are already underway for next year's team.





AUDIOBOOKS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE ST JOHN'S COLLEGE LIBRARY

Great news! Our library now has a collection of around 900 audiobooks for students and staff to access for free. It's easy! Simply choose a book, download it to your phone and start listening.

Audiobooks are a perfect way to read if print books are not your jam. Listen while you drive to school, sit on the bus, cook dinner or go for a run. Parents, why not encourage your son to get amongst it and give it a go!

The step-by-step guide is on the Library page on our website - and you can store offline so you don't waste your data! What's not to love about this?

- Mrs Lynley Keightley, Librarian

BIG FISH - BIG DEAL

It's been awesome to have a school Production to look forward to again this Term. Hopefully you all got along to see the talented performers from St John's College and SHGC perform this Broadway Musical - rehearsals were humming along in that energetic, excited plus slightly frantic fashion that all shows go through as the Eagle went to press!

A huge thanks and acknowledgment must go to the teachers and parents who supported this show - in particular our very own Drama Teacher Mrs Mandy Hale, and her SHGC counterpart Mrs Zoe Vaile. And take a bow, all you lads who stood up and joined the fun - you're amazing!



"IT WAS UNREAL" ...

"It was unreal". Sounds about right if you find yourself on stage with Six60, performing in front of 25,000 fans at Claudelands Arena. Paneere Waitai, a Student Leader, performed a haka alongside Six60 for their Kia Mau Ki Tō Ūkaipō (Don't Forget Your Roots) segment. (Check out the Youtube link, about 35 mins in)

Paneere is a highly accomplished kapa haka performer with Te Pou o Mangatawhiri. "Since I was a baby" explains Paneere, "All my whānau are involved, and I do kapa haka most weekends, I love it." He's been performing since 14 and an earlier highlight was performing at Te Matatini in Wellington.

Basketball's another passion for Paneere. A senior player in our top Eagles team, he's conscious of modelling the strong St John's College culture to younger players joining the team this year. Here's hoping his Six60 experience gets overshadowed by, oh i dunno, a big win at Nationals??



NZ WARS ASSEMBLY

Phoenix Flack, Regan Meads, Charlie Raj and Roman Walton represented the College at this event on Wednesday 31/3/21.

Usually Fairfield College holds a Commemoration of the New Zealand Wars Assembly in October but this year they decided to hold the assembly on March 31. They did this to coincide with the Battle of Orakau that commenced on March 31, 1864. Each attending school received a free copy of a booklet detailing the Battle.

This was a great opportunity for secondary school student leaders to come together to learn about an important part of the history of our country and our province. The assembly linked well with our junior Social Studies identity topic that looks at many of these events in our region and dovetails well with our senior History Topic on the Invasion of the Waikato which includes a field trip to the battlefields.

- Mr Sean Cullen-Wright, History Teacher



MASS RETURNS TO GYM

Our first House mass on site for the year trialled a change of venue. A changed timetable provides us with a dedicated Assembly / Mass hour each Wednesday that will alternate from week to week. That means we now have 2 Houses attending Mass each fortnight and need a spacious gymnasium to fit everyone in.

Our Special Character Leaders, Daniel Nobilo and Daniel Cruickshank, designed a seating layout which worked well. The flow was smooth and the behavior of the students in a PE space was commendable. Attending mass is a very important part of our Catholic faith and College culture. The Eucharist nourishes our soul and the prayers and song give us hope and lift our spirits. Furthermore, mass creates unity among the body of believers, in this case, the staff and students of the College, as we pray for each other and our needs.

In a neat twist, Fr Richard commented nostalgically that one of the very first Masses he celebrated as a newly ordained priest was back at his old school, in this very same gymnasium.

- Mr Marcel Bormans, Director of Catholic Character



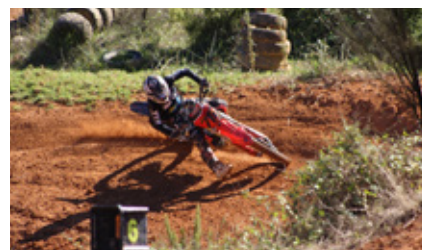
Scenes from our Opening Mass

MX KINGS

Mr Jackways is a happy man - after many years of supporting MX teams he got his hands on the winners Cup! Our College MX team won the King of the Schools competition at the North King Country track in March.

Jack Coleman and Carson Mackie both won their classes with Regan Linehan coming in 6th. The top three points scorers from each school decide the overall schools position, with 1-1-6 being enough for St John's to take home the win. Next event for these boys is Round 2 of the North Island Schools Competition at Rotorua on the last day of term - a 3rd in the first Round shows these guys are a force in this year's comp!

Our Novice riders also had a great day racing hard, often against each other, all day.



BIOMECHANICS IN ACTION

Wintec's Sports Science department hosted our Year 12 Sports Science lads to participate in a series of workshops and activities that reinforce the biomechanical theory learnt in class. The boys had a great day which was new, educational and very interesting. I'm looking forward to seeing the boys apply this theory in their assessment.

- Mr Hayden Miller, PE Teacher





ART SCHOLARSHIP HONOURS

Eagle readers have been treated to the artwork of Guantian Chen in the past and we knew he was a talent that deserved a large audience. So it's wonderful to announce that Guantian's Y13 Scholarship Art portfolio was selected to join the 'Top Art' exhibition touring schools and museums across Aotearoa New Zealand. The theme and inspiration for his art portfolio is about hope and struggle - the sense that in a dualistic world these two features of our lives can't be separated.

Guantian was an outstanding academic performer too, and is studying Psychology and Neuroscience at Otago University.

Guantian Chen with his 'Top Art' portfolio



Liam testing the eVLOCITY bike

GIVE A LITTLE TO CONDUCTIVE EDUCATION

Hi my name is Liam Carter and I am a year nine student at St John's. I have Cerebral Palsy which is a disorder that affects my ability to move and maintain balance and posture. I have been receiving movement therapy and support from Conductive Education Waikato Trust since I was diagnosed. They are currently fundraising for some much needed equipment. If you would like to donate please go to their givealittle page:

<https://conductiveeducationwaikato.nz/>

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TAKE A LOOK AT OUR NEW COLLEGE WEBSITE



WAIHI BEACH COASTAL PROCESSES

Year 13 Geography had a lovely uneventful day at the beach where we compared coastal processes at Orokawa Bay and Waihi Beach. It was the type of day that makes it great to be a geographer, the sun was out, little wind and the ocean was calm, the perfect day for seeing our processes in action, with the biggest risk being potential sunburn and dehydration. Fun was had by all as they collected their data and reflected on this being a great way to spend a Friday.

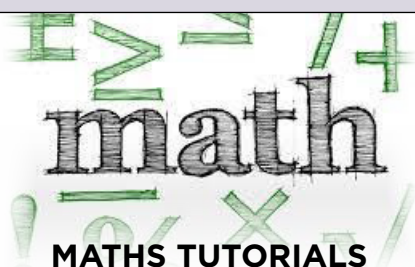
- Mrs Andrea Bossenger, TIC Geography



UMBRELLAS FOR SALE

Perfect for sport supporters, this golf size umbrella will keep you dry and looking sharp over the winter! It's a great way of showing your support on the sidelines. These are \$45 and can be purchased from the Office.





MATHS TUTORIALS

Any student at any year level can attend, without booking. The tutorial can be for 10 minutes or for as long as you need.

AFTER SCHOOL

These start at 3:20. If you turn up late the teacher may have left, but wait a bit as they often have something to do first.

TUESDAY

R07 Mr Plant

Student Services Ms Watton

WEDNESDAY

R07 Mr Plant

Student Services Mr Sadumiano

THURSDAY

R07 Mr Plant

R08 Mr Barr

LUNCHTIME

These are intended largely for juniors, but seniors may attend, especially if assessments are coming up.

MONDAY

R08 Mr Gray

Other days by request to Mr Gray

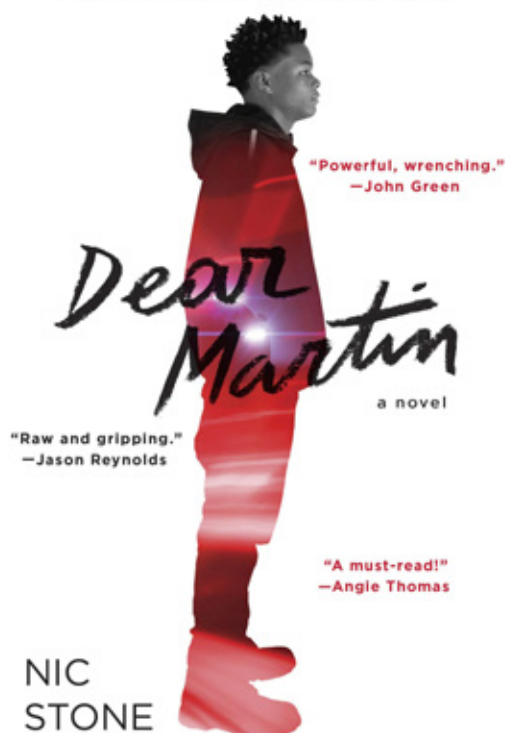
WORTHY OF 'THE REPAIR SHOP'

A taonga was returned to the College this term for safekeeping. The Allen Doone 'Marist Cup for Dux' was first awarded in 1923 to J W Hassan and boasts a plethora of Catholic names through to 1969. As you can see, it had fallen into some disrepair before being found in 2013.

A new base was made by James Mecchia, a parishioner of The Cathedral Parish and ex Pupil of Marist High School. George McLellan, proprietor of Advanced Chrome Platers, carried out the repairs. George advised the only way to panel beat the cup was to do it by hand. He was intrigued by the cup and its history and offered to take it home and hand shape the cup while watching cricket at no cost for the work at home! Finally, Paul Barnett deserves credit for arranging, cajoling and persevering with these restoration efforts.



A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER



BESTSELLING AUTHOR, NIC STONE, WRITES TO ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

This term, Mr Ardern and Mrs Hale's Level One English classes studied a new novel titled Dear Martin written by Nic Stone. Set in the present day, the novel focuses on Justyce McCalister, a 17 year-old African American who was a victim of police brutality. As a way of coping with the pain and frustration of his situation, Justyce writes letters to Martin Luther King. Both classes really enjoyed the text, so much so they combined to share their thoughts with the author. Nic Stone, a New York Times best seller, wrote back to the class and answered a handful of questions they put to her. Here is one of the questions asked and her response.

WHAT MESSAGE WERE YOU TRYING TO SEND OUT TO THE READER WHEN WRITING THIS BOOK?

"You can't change how other people think and act, but you're in full control of you. When it comes down to it, the only question that matters is this: if nothing in the world ever changes, what type of man are you gonna be?" In a nutshell: we all get to decide what to believe about ourselves and how we're going to move through the world.

- Mr Paul Ardern, Head of Languages



RAY WHITE SPONSOR DEALS RETURN FOR 2021

If you're thinking about buying or selling, give Ray White Hamilton a call and let them know you're a St John's family. Partners Mark Keesom and Fraser Coombes have renewed their sponsorship of the Rugby Development Programme here, and have added a 'Sell with Us' deal which offers additional funds back to the College.

We're super grateful for the support of Ray White Hamilton - their sponsorship helps us to deliver an outstanding and, importantly for parents, an affordable rugby experience for all of our players. There is a real buzz of energy and competitive anticipation out on the fields right now with the 1st XV training hard and younger teams trialling and getting to know new team mates.

Ray White Partners, Mark Keesom and Fraser Coombes accept an SJC jersey



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RUGBY REARING TO GO

Training and preparation for the 2021 season began shortly after the last game of 2020 for our squad of 35 aspiring 1st XVers. Players were a regular sight in the Weights Room over summer, following a tailored Strength and Conditioning Programme designed by our ADP Tutor, Rohan Kandoi.

A final squad of 26 players will compete in the Central North Island (CNI) comp beginning in Term 2. Pre-season buildup to get match ready includes 5 games: Tauranga Boys High (a narrow 19-17 loss in the final minutes against a top quality Super 8 team), Sacred Heart Auckland, Rosmini College, De La Salle (away games) and Tangaroa College (at home on 1 May).

A top flight coaching team comprising Head Coach/Defence Coach Johnny Walters, Attack Coach Howie King, Line-out Coach Milton Ross and Scrum Coach Murray Driver will be giving our boys every chance of success.

Our Major Sponsors Ray White Hamilton, Fluid Power Distributors, and Grassroots Trust are an invaluable part of the team, and please support these businesses if you get a chance. A big thank you goes to our jersey sponsors too.



We'd love to have your support - check out the home game draw and lock them in your Calendar now!

AWAY	15 May	Whanganui Collegiate
HOME	22 May	Francis Douglas
HOME	29 May	St John's Hastings
AWAY	5 Jun	Wesley College
AWAY	12 Jun	St Peter's Cambridge
HOME	19 Jun	Fielding High
AWAY	26 Jun	Lindisfarne College
HOME	3 Jul	Rathkeale College
AWAY	31 Jul	St Paul's Collegiate (Ham)



PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR LIFE

